

25 March 1985

Dr. David C. Humphrey
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Dear Dr. Humphrey

The enclosed letter of 15 March 1985 from Lieutenant Colonel Richard O. Perry, Chief, Histories Division, Center of Military History, requests that we authorize an official historian from his staff access to CIA-originated documents in the Johnson Library. We understand that Dr. Graham Cosmas is carrying out research to be used in MACV: The Joint Command, a volume in the official U. S. Army history of the Vietnam War.

We also understand that the Center of Military History will certify Dr. Cosmas' clearances directly to you. We are therefore glad to authorize him access to all CIA-related material in your holdings at the level of his clearances or lower that is pertinent to his research on the Vietnam War.

We shall also enclose a copy of our "CIA Records Access Policy" to guide your office in handling these CIA documents. As indicated in this policy statement, Dr. Cosmas is free to take notes and to have copies made of CIA documents, so long as the Johnson Library collects and sends these notes and copies to this office. After CIA review, we shall send Lieutenant Colonel Perry the documents and notes released, and notify you and him of any material that cannot be released.

With many thanks for your help,

Yours sincerely,

J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

Enclosures:

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